

THE ISRAEL BLOCKADE AND THE FLOTILLA

SPEECH OF

HON. J. RANDY FORBES

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 9, 2010

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, over the past week and a half, in response to the regrettable loss of lives off the coast of Gaza, there has been much controversy and speculation over Israel's right to self defense. Yet we are reminded again of the situation Israeli families face every single day.

Imagine two young parents living each day going through their mental check list of how to protect their children. Is the path to the shelter clear? Do they know each other's schedules so they can find them if there is a missile strike? Do the schools have their emergency numbers? Have they taught the kids enough to react quickly in the event of a strike, but not too much to scare them?

While the kids are at school they worry about hearing sirens of an imminent attack from a neighboring territory and are always worried that it will come when they can't physically protect their children.

When this happened in America in the early 1960s these were my parents' fears. But with all of these fears they knew that the United States would do what was necessary to protect our families and our country. It would prevent the weapons from falling into the hands of people who wanted to destroy our way of life.

Like the United States during the Cuban Missile Crisis, the Israelis have blockaded the source of the threat to their homeland.

America was able to protect itself, and we must ensure that Israel has the ability to do the same.

IN HONOR OF FEDERICO'S DRIVE IN SHOE SERVICE

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 10, 2010

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Federico's Drive In Shoe Service, a local icon in my Central Coast Congressional District, on its 70th anniversary. Since 1940, Federico's has served the Monterey Bay area with exemplary craftsmanship, the highest quality materials, and quick and efficient service.

Charles Federico began his career at the age of fourteen. The young apprentice was assigned to the shoe shine stand for his first two years, and then graduated to replacing heels. Within ten years he had purchased his first store, handling shoe repair in one corner and selling fishing gear in another.

His business, then called Franklin Shoe Repair, expanded quickly; in 1957 he added the extra convenience of a drive-up window to his Monterey store which greatly increased the volume of business, and he also opened a second shop on the former Fort Ord Army Base. He paid particular attention to shop appearance, workmanship, merchandising and shop management. In 1958 he won the Na-

tional Leather and Shoe Finders Association National Silver Cup Contest, as being the best shoe repair store in America. Over the years he and his son, Henry, have won 27 local and regional industry awards.

Members of my family have patronized Federico's shop for decades, and many of their customers cite their outstanding product knowledge and customer service as reasons for their loyalty. Charles is now ninety-three and his son, Henry, runs the shop. They have branched out into engraving trophies and sewing logo merchandise. Their employees carry on the traditions that won them the Silver Cup so many years ago.

Madam Speaker, I know my colleagues join me in wishing Federico's a very happy 70th Anniversary, and many more to come.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF MR. LEON HINOTE

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 10, 2010

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart, that I rise to recognize the life and deeds of one of Santa Rosa County's most respected residents, Mr. Leon Hinote. Throughout his 89 years, Mr. Hinote spent his days as a true patriot and committed public servant. In his passing, Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor his lifetime as a compassionate and inspirational leader.

Born the fourth of seven children, Mr. Hinote's strong character began to take root in the soils of Santa Rosa County; fully blooming into the virtues of patriotism, diligence, kindness and faithfulness which have impacted so many. To many, he was more than just a neighbor. He was a friend to the faint hearted, a sturdy back to the heavy burdened, and a kind voice to a weary companion.

Mr. Leon Hinote is a remarkably special man that belongs to a remarkably special group—America's Greatest Generation. In 1942, Mr. Hinote enlisted into the U.S. Army. Not wanting to wade in the spotlight or expecting to be honored, he was always willing to put others before himself. It was not until recently, that Mr. Hinote was awarded with many of the honors he earned while bravely defending our great nation and her ideals.

While his distinguished military record is more than enough to warrant praise and admiration, Mr. Hinote did not stop serving the others around him. After leaving the military, Mr. Hinote not only served on the Milton City Council for two terms, but he was also elected Santa Rosa County sheriff. Admired by many, Mr. Hinote is a role model for the entire community of Northwest Florida and a rare example of someone who truly understands what it means to lead by example.

While we shall greatly miss Mr. Hinote, his legacy and his memory shall remain. His life that spanned eight decades will serve as a mirror for us all to gaze upon and find the full measure of a man. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress and a grateful community, it is the highest privilege and with great pride that I honor the life of Mr. Leon Hinote. My wife Vicki and I extend our deepest sympathies to his loved ones and children: Clifton, Janet, and Theresa.

FHA REFORM ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 9, 2010

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5072) to improve the financial safety and soundness of the FHA mortgage insurance program:

Mr. BACA. Madam Chair, I rise in strong support of H.R. 5072, the FHA Reform Act.

The failed economic policies of the Bush administration and Republican-controlled Congresses, led this country into a deep recession where we experienced serious drops in housing value and unemployment.

The economic conditions caused the FHA to dip below acceptable capital reserves numbers.

But thanks to the leadership of HUD Secretary Donovan and FHA Commissioner Stevens, FHA has continued to operate in a safe and stable manner, continuing to provide mortgage insurance to credit-worthy homeowners.

Since 1934, the FHA has played a vital role in the nation's economy helping over 37 million Americans achieve the dream of homeownership.

FHA's role can be seen clearly today as they play a vital stabilizing role in the market and support homeownership for first-time buyers and underserved markets.

As our economy continues along the path of recovery, it is likely that the FHA will continue to play a large role in our housing market.

H.R. 5072 will make essential reforms to the FHA program, strengthening their finances, improving risk management, and rooting out the bad actors that helped cause this crisis in the first place.

The bill before us calls for an increase in FHA's authority to raise annual premiums enabling FHA to decrease entry barriers and up-front premiums.

This bill also enables the FHA to go further in the action they have already taken in increasing the FHA fund at an approximate value of \$300 million per month.

Finally this bill will also strengthen FHA's ability to ensure responsible lending activity by withdrawing from lenders that repeatedly fail to follow responsible underwriting and financial standards.

I want to thank Ms. WATERS, Ms. CAPITO, and Mr. FRANK for their leadership and hard work in bringing this bill to the floor.

I encourage my colleagues to follow the leadership of Secretary Donovan and Commissioner Stevens and vote "yes" on H.R. 5072.

TRIBUTE TO FORMER CONGRESSMAN FRANK EVANS

HON. JOHN T. SALAZAR

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 10, 2010

Mr. SALAZAR. Madam Speaker, I wish to pay tribute to a dedicated public servant from the State of Colorado.

Former Congressman Frank Evans passed away on Tuesday, June 8, 2010.

Colorado and the city of Pueblo have lost a tremendously respected leader.

Congressman Evans led a remarkable life.

A Pueblo native, Congressman Evans served in the Navy, flying planes in the Pacific Theater of World War II.

He returned to Colorado to get his law degree from the University of Denver, before being elected to represent Pueblo in the State Assembly in 1960.

Named "Outstanding Freshman of the Year," his colleagues and constituents alike were inspired by his dedication to public service.

From 1964–1978, the Congressman represented Colorado's third district in the U.S. House of Representatives, the seat in which I currently serve.

The tremendous impact his leadership has had on our district can still be felt to this day.

Congressman Evans was responsible for bringing the Government Printing Office Distribution Center to Pueblo, and he was the mastermind behind the popular Payment in Lieu of Taxes program that has brought federal dollars for federal lands to states like ours.

When serving in Congress, Congressman Evans was a fervent advocate for the people and Western way of life in the 3rd district of Colorado.

Never losing sight of issues that were important to Coloradans, he was also a true gentleman.

In the often contentious atmosphere of today's politics, Congressman Evans was an example to those of us who strive to serve the public.

His close friend said of him "That was Frank. Always a gentleman. He wanted the facts. He wouldn't go after somebody just for partisan reasons."

Congressman Evans never forgot where he came from, and he lived to serve others so that they could have a brighter future.

I am proud to serve in his former seat, and grateful for his legacy.

My condolences go out to his family during this difficult time.

He will be missed but his memory will live on through all of the lives that he touched in western Colorado.

REINTRODUCTION OF THE NUCLEAR USED FUEL PRIZE ACT OF 2010

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 10, 2010

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to reintroduce legislation I first authored in the 110th Congress. As our country moves toward clean, reliable energy, a natural progression will be toward nuclear energy. Indeed, earlier this year, President Obama announced \$8 billion in new federal loan guarantees for two new nuclear power plants in Georgia.

However, as we inevitably move toward greater use of nuclear energy, we cannot hide our heads in the sand about the need for safe, reliable ways to store and dispose of the waste created by such energy production.

Nuclear power is praised for its zero carbon emissions, but it comes at a price—radioactive

fuel rods that will continue to emit dangerous radiation and be the source of radioactive debris for thousands of years. Congress designated Yucca Mountain, Nevada, as the nation's sole candidate site for a permanent high-level nuclear waste repository in 1987. The unused Yucca Mountain site has cost taxpayers an estimated \$9 billion. Over \$1.2 billion has been spent on the seventy-one claims filed against the Department of Energy for the failure to abide by the 1987 contract to dispose of spent nuclear fuel.

There remain deep concerns that Yucca Mountain does not present a long-term solution to nuclear waste because of uncertainty about the long-term geologic stability of the site. The amount of existing nuclear waste already exceeds the storage capacity at the site; moreover, the state of Nevada adamantly opposes the site, and other locations have not been offered. President Obama and the Secretary of Energy Steven Chu have both stated their objections to the proposed repository at Yucca Mountain, and President Obama stripped further funding for Yucca Mountain in the FY2010 budget.

Delay in authorizing a nuclear waste site has wasted an enormous sum of taxpayer dollars and resources. One proposed alternative to Yucca Mountain has been to reprocess spent nuclear fuel in order to recover usable fuel and cut down on the volume of waste. The issue remains complicated; reprocessing carries the potential of creating weapons-grade nuclear material thus presenting a global proliferation risk as other nations employ the technology. As the United States continues to dissuade other nations, namely Iran and North Korea, from nuclear reprocessing, we take a dangerous political risk in engaging in the process ourselves.

The legislation I am reintroducing today would encourage the creation of an efficient and safe process to store nuclear waste. The Nuclear Used Fuel Prize Act of 2010 would set up a competition to design the best way to remove and store nuclear waste. I am a strong supporter of nuclear power and I look forward to working toward finding a solution to storing nuclear waste. I believe this legislation will provide the incentives to find permanent solutions to our energy needs.

WORLD OCEAN DAY

SPEECH OF

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 9, 2010

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, World Ocean Day has been acknowledged annually around the world since 1992. Officially celebrated by the United Nations for the first time in 2009, World Ocean Day this year falls on June 8. This serves as an opportunity to recognize all that the oceans have given us, to acknowledge the crucial role the oceans play in our survival as a species and society, and to affirm our intent to ensure the oceans themselves survive.

A source for food, recreation, scientific and educational opportunities, the oceans are a fundamental building block of our society. Human beings have depended upon the waters for their livelihoods since the earliest

days. Our forefathers crossed and fished them in generally the same manner that we do today. It's a testament to the fortitude of the oceans that they can persist when our technology and cultures have changed so much. That resiliency, however, is far from infinite. Should the oceans become no longer able to sustain life, we would very quickly feel the consequences.

The oceans are also often the beginning and end of discussions on "the environment." Home to so many natural wonders and inherent beauty, the world's oceans are justifiably precious. And as such an integral element in global climate change, the oceans are a primary concern for environmentalists and nature-lovers alike. They deserve and need our absolute devotion.

Because of all we have taken from them and because we are the only ones with the capacity to do so, human beings are the de facto caretakers of the oceans. With that responsibility, we must protect them and ensure their viability. The oceans have been subjected to so much—acidification, global warming, pollution. We must make sure the oceans can contribute to our grandchildren's grandchildren as they've done for us and our ancestors.

We have been shown by recent events how fragile and delicate our oceans truly are and how quickly devastation can set in. We can see how much we still don't know about these bodies that make up the vast majority of our planet. Let us take World Ocean Day to enjoy the beauty of the innumerable mysteries hidden only in the deeps and make sure we do our part to look after them. By so doing, we act on behalf of the future of Earth.

CONGRATULATIONS TO PHIL DUDLEY

HON. ADRIAN SMITH

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 10, 2010

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Hastings College President Phil Dudley for his exemplary service to Nebraska students and his community as a whole.

President Dudley has announced his retirement after nearly 40 years of dedication to Hastings College, including 10 years as President. His service is precluded by his doctoral education in economics and many leadership positions within Hastings College and the surrounding community.

As Hastings College President, President Dudley is credited for the construction of the Osborne Family Sports Complex, Barrett Family Alumni Center, Bronco Village Apartments, and the Morrison-Reeves Science Center.

President Dudley's embrace and promotion of service learning on the campus has led Hastings College students and faculty to dedicate 100,000 hours of their time to civic engagement. In recognition, Hastings College has been named to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll.

His dedication to students is further exemplified in the expansion of academic programs. This includes the addition of majors in biochemistry, biopsychology, wildlife biology, and a nursing dual degree with Creighton University and Mary Lanning Memorial Hospital.